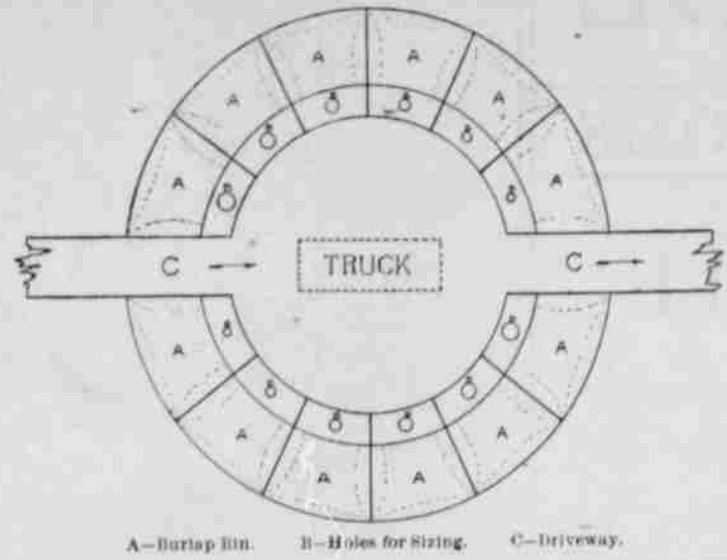


AVERY PLANS NEW GRADING DEVICE



A—Burlap Bin. B—Holes for sizing. C—Driveway.

The above cut illustrates a new grading device, the invention of Thomas E. Avery, of the East Side. Mr. Avery, who says he will not attempt to patent any part of the device but that he offers the suggestion freely to the growers of the valley, declares that the entire outfit will not cost more than \$25 for construction.

The apparatus of the new grading system is composed of two semi-circular structures, made of light timbers, in which are the graduated holes, see

figure B, where the grader, or graders, standing on the side of the truck, place the apples, allowing them to drop in uniform sizes into the burlap bins underneath. The trucks can be driven directly from the orchards through the are away between the grading tables and the apples sorted from it.

The plans of the new device have met with the approval of numerous growers who have looked them over. It is thought that it should become very popular.

STREET IMPROVEMENT STEADILY PROGRESSES

The improvement of the city's streets is steadily progressing. The Reliance Construction Co. is almost through with the laying of the paving. Only a few blocks now remain unfinished. E. O. Hall has finished the grading of Oak street and Cascade avenue, and the macadam has been laid on the greater portion of Cascade. Residents of the improved sections will be glad to see the completion of the paving and the macadamized streets. The dust that has hitherto been an inconvenience during the summer months will be for the most part done away with hereafter.

Third street has not yet been touched, having been left awaiting a decision of the property holders in the paving district as to whether or not Hassam or oil bound macadam should be used. Tuesday afternoon it was definitely decided to place Hassam on this street in strict accordance with the ordinance calling for the improvement.

LAWYERS PLAY ENTIRE ROLL IN LAW SUIT

A unique case, The Edward Thompson Book Co. vs. Sam W. Stark, came up for hearing before Judge W. L. Bradshaw and a jury here Monday afternoon, when the attorneys furnished the entire testimony as well as the argument. The book company, which was seeking judgment against Attorney Stark, for alleged complicity of 8 notes of \$25 each given about 10 years ago in payment for law books as well as for interest and attorneys fees for collection. The company, which was represented by Harold A. Wilkins, a young attorney from Portland, claimed that Mr. Stark had only paid the sum of \$10.50 on his notes, and asked to present depositions from officers of the company showing this. However, the depositions were irregular, and it seemed that the defendant attorney would win the case on account of technical defects of the plaintiff company's attorney. However, Mr. Wilkins offered to take the stand and give the same testimony as was contained in the useless depositions. This was allowed, and he was sworn and gave his evidence and was cross examined by Mr. Stark. And then vice versa.

The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for the entire amount.

Tramp Stabs Brakeman

F. W. Kramer, a brakeman on the eastbound Soo-Spokane passenger train passing through this city Monday night at 10:55, who had been badly stabbed by a tramp while the train was still in Multnomah county, was left at the Cottage hospital in this city. The wound was a severe one, the knife in the hands of the tramp having penetrated the young man's lungs near the heart, and he was in a very faint condition from loss of blood when he reached the city.

J. Prauer, a Roumanian, was the name of the man wielding the knife. The train stopped just this side of Troutdale on account of engine trouble and it was discovered that five or six tramps were riding the blind baggage and on the pilot of the locomotive. They were ordered off and all but Prauer complied good naturedly. The wounded brakeman, who is in a serious condition at the Cottage hospital, says he must have brushed against Prauer as he was coming from the baggage car, where he had gone after some materials for repairing the locomotive. He was struck with the knife without warning.

The Roumanian escaped in the woods but was caught Tuesday at Cascade Locks and brought here, where he was positively identified.

As soon as he was taken into the room of the injured man, he pointed his finger at him crying, "There is the man who cut me." Prauer has been taken to Portland, where he will be held and prosecuted. In case of death of the brakeman he will be prosecuted for murder.

Captain Dukes Passes Away

Capt. J. H. Dukes, who has been a resident of the valley for many years, having resided at first in the Oak Grove district on his fruit ranch and later in the city, passed away at his home here last Saturday evening.

Capt. Dukes, who was a member of the 11th Illinois Cavalry, served valiantly through the civil war. His funeral services Monday afternoon were conducted by the members of Canby Post, G. A. R. Rev. J. L. Herdner preached the funeral sermon. In addition to his wife, Capt. Dukes leaves surviving, a son, Malta Dukes, deputy United States marshal at Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Caulfield, who also resides in Portland. Jack Dukes, an adopted son, also survives him.

Capt. Dukes, who came to Hood River from Illinois in 1888, was one of the charter members of Riverside Congregational church, and held the offices of deacon and trustee. For a number of years, after he removed to the city, he was a member of the city council.

Little Grand Duke Subject of Rumor, Romance and Plot

As the royal subject of gossip, rumor and plots the little Grand Duke Alexis of Russia figures as the boy of mystery and romance. Principally the mystery relates to the physical and mental condition of the little fellow, who is now eight years old.

If the czarvitch is a hopeless cripple with tuberculosis of the hip, which is generally believed, he can never take the throne on the death of his father, the czar.

Recently a highly romantic story as to the royal boy was published all over the world and was quickly denied. According to the repudiated report, the czar sent to Berlin and summoned Dr. James Israel, one of the greatest surgeons in the world, to perform an operation on the boy's hip. Before he would come, it was reported, the famous surgeon demanded a fee of \$25,000 and a royal dispensation for the Jewish race. The dispensation was to be that of placing the Jews of Kiev and Odessa, who had been long persecuted, on an equal, free and un molested footing with the Christians. The report stated that the



THE CZARVITCH.

czar quickly agreed to both the demands of the physician, and the operation was successfully performed. Dr. Israel himself is credited with denying the romantic story, declaring he did not perform any such operation.

Previous to the report of the operation a rumor gained wide credence that the little czarvitch had been stabbed frantically by an assassin on board his father's yacht, the Standart. This later was denied.

Now a new heir presumptive to the throne is being discussed. High society in Russia is accentuating itself to the idea of accepting Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovitch, twenty-six years old, a nephew of the present czar, as heir presumptive to the throne. He has not heretofore been generally mentioned as possible successor to the crown, and his name comes as a complete surprise to every one except those who by reason of their position either belong to the court circle or have close relations with it.

No Cripple May Be Czar.

The physical disability of the little czarvitch is now recognized as complete among all the intelligent classes of the empire. The dangers and disadvantages of having a crippled sovereign are understood in all states, but a crippled autocrat of all the Russias, with its great empires and peculiar problems, is unthinkable. It is now known that the czarvitch has tuberculosis of the hip joint as well as hemophilia, the hereditary disease to which a considerable number of princes have been subject and which is characterized by excessive bleeding from the slightest wound. The czarvitch is doomed to lifelong invalidism.

The path to the throne has been cleared for Grand Duke Dmitri by a remarkable sequence of family occurrences. The names of the Grand Duke Michael and Grand Duke Cyril are those which have been most mentioned in connection with the succession since the news of the young czarvitch's condition began to filter out from the palace to the public. Yet all the time the court circle has recognized that, barring the unforeseen, Grand Duke Dmitri will be officially recognized as heir presumptive.

Grand Duke Dmitri is the only son of Grand Duke Paul, the youngest brother of the late Emperor Alexander III. Grand Duke Michael, the czar's only brother, would naturally be heir presumptive now, as he was during the time preceding the birth of the czarvitch and when the czar was having a succession of daughters, were it not for one of those family occurrences mentioned which are so fortunate for Dmitri. The fact is that Michael has been announced and now repeats that he has married under the prescribed forms of the orthodox church. He has two children by her and has formally renounced his right of succession.

Tennis Men to Enter State Tournament. Hood River will send three representatives to the State Tennis Tournament to be held in Portland soon. Portland tennis men have been eager to have local players at the tournament since Chas. Hall and Harry T. DeWitt were there and defeated all opponents at the Multnomah club courts. Hal, McCall, son in law of Thomas Lawson, whose home is at Prineville, will join Mr. DeWitt and Mr. Hall, as will E. A. Baker. Mr. McCall has won a great reputation on the courts of New England, and Mr. Baker, who is local champion, was for many years champion of the Middle West.

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Doubted Him.
She--Anyhow, you must admit he is a well bred man. Did you notice his knowledge of Aristotle? He--I did; and if you want my candid opinion, I don't believe he's ever been there--Minneapolis Journal.

A Crazy Act.
Owner of Car--Why did you leave your last place? Chauffeur--The guy I worked for went crazy--started shingling his house when his car needed new tires--Puck.

No Chance.
"And what is your occupation?" asked the accident insurance agent.
"I'm a woodman. During the hunting season I act as a guide."
"Oh, I'm sorry, but my company won't write a policy on your class."
"Why not? Surely I'm a good risk."
"My dear sir, you're not a risk; you're a certainty."--Detroit Free Press.

Well Put in.
"Excuse me, sir, but will you repeat that part of your terms? I lost myself for a second."
"I was just saying that with what I paid you you would be expected to find yourself."--Baltimore American.

Old Enough.
"How old is she?"
"Old enough to know better."
"Better than what?"
"To tell her age."--New York Mail.

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